

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** Do you say that they are getting it?

**Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):** I do not know exactly whether they are paid. There is no objection to pay them dearness allowance.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** May I know Sir, whether orders were taken from the Government by the authorities concerned after receipt of this question or before that.

**Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):** Long before that.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** May I know whether all the Radio operators are being paid now. In other words I want to know whether dearness allowance for this class of servicemen has been paid for the last month.

**Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):** It is stated here that steps are being taken to pay all the operators this dearness allowance. If the Hon'ble member wants to know whether they have been actually paid I want notice.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew (Secretary to Government):** They are being paid at present.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Was it a question of clarity or want of preaudit?

**Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):** Both.

#### HOLIDAYS—SALES DEPARTMENT—AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL

**514. Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many holidays are allowed for the staff in the Sales Department of the Ayurvedic Hospitals in the State;

(b) from what hour to what hour is the sales Depot at Ernakulam is kept open;

(c) on what days is the depot closed;

(d) how many holidays in a year has been allowed to the staff of the Ernakulam Ayurvedic Sales Depot;

(e) has the Superintendent of Ayurvedic called for explanations from the officer in charge of the Depot at Ernakulam for closing the Depot on Christmas day;

(f) give a caste-war statement of the staff in the said Depot as it stood at the last X'mas day?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):**

(a) Only Sundays are allowed as holidays.

(b) From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(c) Sundays only.

(d) Sundays only.

(e) Yes.

(f) Vaidyan-in-charge Arayan

Attender Xian

Compounder Xian

**Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated):** May I know whether instructions have been given as to when the Sales depots must be closed and at what time they must be open?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** I think they are allowed holidays on Sundays.

**Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated):** May I know why Sundays are holidays?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** That is a general holiday for all.

**Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated):** Are hospitals given holidays on Sundays?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** Sales depots are not like hospitals. They are sales agencies. In hospitals medicines will have to be dispensed.

**Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated):** In as much as it is conceded that it is not a hospital and it is only a shop may I know why Christmas is not treated as holiday.

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** For convenience sake Christians who are employed in these places are given permission to absent themselves on Christmas days. Christmas is supposed to be a very important religious day for Christians and without inconveniencing the officers they are allowed to be away to attend to their religious functions.

**Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated):** In as much as a non-Christian is there where is the objection in allowing Christmas also as a Holiday. For closing down the depot on Christmas days an explanation has been called from the Vydian.

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** There are altogether 3 subordinates under him. One of them was the sweeper. The two others, viz., the compounder and the attender were Christians. They were allowed to be away from the Depot on that day and the sweeper was on leave. The sweeper was on leave on that day and the Vydian himself could not attend to all the duties. Hence the depot was closed. No serious inconvenience to the public is caused by that.

**Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated):** Will the Government be pleased to see that hereafter Christmas, Onam and Vishu and other holidays are given to these people?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** That is a different matter.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Is the Government aware that Medical shops do not generally observe such holidays.

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** I have seen some shops in Trichur belonging to Christians partly opened. But it is left to them.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Almost all Chemists and Druggists shops are opened on Sundays and Holidays.

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** I said shops owned by Christians. Some of them are half opened and some of them fully opened. It is left to them.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Why not allow the Ayurvedic shops also to be open on Sundays?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** There are Christian employees who find it difficult to attend to their religious duties.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Will it not cause hardship to patients if they are denied the opportunity to purchase medicines?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** If it is urgent they can get medicines from the hospitals. But I do not think that such urgency will arise.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Do the hospitals generally sell medicines?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** In urgent cases medicines can be supplied from the hospitals, and they can even apply to the doctor-in-charge and have the shop opened.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Is it possible?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** I do not find any impossibility unless we imagine it.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഹോസ്പിറ്റൽസിൽ കൂടുതൽ സിമിള?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പിലോണപ്പൻ: ഉണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അവർക്കു കൂടുതൽ കാലത്തു് ജോലിക്കുപോകേണ്ട?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പിലോണപ്പൻ: അഞ്ചുപ്രൈവറ്റ്, എട്ടുപത്രി ഇവിടങ്ങളിൽ ജോലിയുള്ളവർ ഒഴിവുകൊടുക്കുവാൻ തരമില്ല.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Why not classify these medical shops also along with the other category?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** Medical shops are owned by private agencies.

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Anchal is owned by Government, and that department works on Sundays.

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** There are other individuals who can perform the duty without causing any inconvenience to their religious persuasions. Why should they not work?

**Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam):** Why should Government keep a shop in such circumstances?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):** Government keeps a shop for the purpose of selling medicines.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** May I know whether any explanation has been received?

- Mr. Parambi Lonappen** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.
- Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): What orders have been passed thereon please?
- Mr. Parambi Lonappen** (*Minister for Rural Development*): The explanation has been accepted.
- Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know whether the explanation was not called for two Christian employees observing Christmas.
- Mr. Parambi Lonappen** (*Minister for Rural Development*): There was an Arayan also.
- Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): My question is this. Whether the Superintendent of Ayurveda did not call for explanation for the sin of two Christian employees, one a compounder and another an attender, observing the Christmas holiday, an all important day for Christians.
- Mr. Parambi Lonappen** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Either your question is not clear to me or I was not able to understand it.
- Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): My question is whether the explanation was not as a matter of fact called for consequent upon two Christian employees observing Christmas as a holiday.
- Mr. Parambi Lonappen** (*Minister for Rural Development*): The explanation was called for because the shop was closed.
- Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): Why did he close the shop? Is it not for the reason that two of the persons who are necessary for him to function as Vydiyan in-charge were Christians?
- Mr. Parambi Lonappen** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. There were three. One of them was absent and two happened to be Christians. He had no other subordinates and he thought he could not usefully function on that day.

#### WIVES OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS AND ELECTIONS

- 515. Mr. P. K. Paul** (*Chalakkudi*): Will Government be pleased to state.—
- (a) whether the Government have noted the article in the "Gomathi" in its issue of 15th January 1946, under the title "wife penalised for her husband's folly?" by Mrs. Jane Joseph;
- (b) why is a difference shown regarding the right for candidate for Legislative Council Election between a woman who is the wife of a Government servant and the man who is the husband of a Government servant?
- Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** (*Chief Secretary to Government*):
- (a) Yes.
- (b) There are not many women in the higher ranks of Government service and therefore there has been no need to consider this suggestion.
- Mr. P. K. Paul** (*Chalakkudi*): May I know, Sir, the number of women in the higher ranks of Government service?
- Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are not many. There are a few in the Education Department and a few in the Medical Department.
- Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashrof** (*Cranganur*): Is it the position of the Government that the husbands of women who are employed in the higher category are not entitled to stand for election?
- Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government never said that.
- Mr. M. K. Raja** (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Is this order based on the assumption that the wives of Government servants are more amenable to influence than Government servants?
- Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As likely as not.
- Mr. M. K. Raja** (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Is it not right to presume that the direction of the working of the influence is the other way round in many cases?
- Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not deny it. They only say that in the practical administration in this State that problem does not arise now for consideration.
- Mr. M. K. Raja** (*Mulakunnathukavu*): The Hon'ble Chief Secretary to the Government says that there is no need for reconsidering this order because there are not many women in the higher ranks of Government service. May I make a humble suggestion—that all the Government servants should investigate the possibility of taking in more wives than they actually possess now?